

word "dimension" when referring to the gripping means cavity "central part", and "outer ends." In addition, text has been added to the specification to provide correlation between specification and claims.

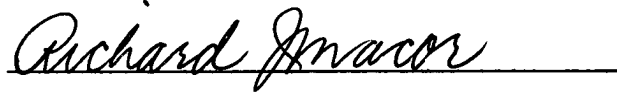
In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that claims 1-10, 31, and 32-40 are in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Thank you.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 has been enclosed to cover the additional month following the three month period after final rejection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated March 30, 1998

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Macor", is written over a horizontal line.

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